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FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING, JANUARY 11. SPOKESMAN
RESPONDED ACCORDING TO SUBSTANCE OF GUIDANCE:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S
STATEMENT ON CUBA'S POLICY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES?

A. WE SAW THIS STATEMENT JUST THIS MORNING. WE SEE
NOTHING IN THE STATEMENT THAT GOES BEYOND PREVIOUSLY
ENUNCIATED AND LONG-HELD CUBAN POSITIONS. OUR OWN POSITION
WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY ON TWO RECENT OCCASIONS -- ON
DECEMBER 27 AND AT YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED BUT NOT USED BY SPOKESMAN AS
NO QUESTIONS ASKED?

Q. TAD SZULC REPORTS THAT THE U.S. IN 1964 CONCEIVED, AND
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BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR, AN INVASION OF CUBA AND THE

ASSINATION OF CASTRO. (ACCORDING TO THE SZULC STORY, THESE PLANS HAD TO BE CANCELLED IN APRIL 1965 WHEN THE U.S. SENT FORCES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.) DOES THIS REPORT HAVE ANY BASIS IN FACT?

A: WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. RUSH

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